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SURVEY REGARDING TSUNAMI
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Science and Technology for the safety of the people inhabiting coastal areas after the devastating Tsunami waves struck these areas;

(b) if so, the details of;

(c) the amount allocated to the Indian scientists for this survey;

(d) whether the scientists have taken assistance from the foreign scientists/specialists;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to check soil erosion in coastal areas due to Tsunami waves?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Department of Science & Technology has constituted a team of scientific experts to study the submergence, tidal pattern and seismic pattern to help locate places for resettlement in Andaman & Nicobar region. The scientific team has collected data and information leading to help in deciding the safe areas of resettlement in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Committee has re-emphasized the need to keep habilitation upto 500 m to 1000 m away from the sea shore in the Andaman & Nicobar islands. An amount of approximately, Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been spent for carrying out the scientific survey in Andaman & Nicobar region

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) They were only inducted for consultations & did not participate in the field surveys.

(f) The work related to planning, implementation and execution of schemes related to prevention of soil erosion are the responsibility of State Governments.